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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM; LOAN 625-W-009 - CONDITIONS
PRECEDENT

REF: ABIDJAN 0948

1. REDSO REVIEW OF SUBJECT LOAN INDICATES THAT MRGD WILL NOT MEET TDCP OF MARCH 12, 1975. FURTHERMORE, WE CURRENTLY ESTIMATE THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CP 3.01(C) (SUPERVISORY ENGINEERING CONTRACT) CAN BE MET BEFORE APRIL 30, 1975 OR THAT CPS 3.01(E) AND (H) CAN BE MET BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1975.

2. DESPITE SEVERAL PRODDINGS OF MRGD BY REDSO TO ACT ON SATISFYING CPS, WE HAVE AS YET NO INDICATION THAT ANY EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MEET CPS. HOWEVER, DESPITE PAST INACTIVITY OF MRGD RE CPS, REDSO FEELS THAT WITH SOME EFFORT ON PART OF MRGD, SEVERAL CPS CAN BE SATISFIED BY MARCH 12.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS SITUATION, BASICALLY THREE ALTERNATIVES EXIST:

A) HOLD TO MARCH TDCP, IN WHICH CASE NOT ALL CPS WILL BE MET AND THE LOAN WOULD BE DEOBLIGATED.

B) HOLD TO MARCH 12 AS TDCP FOR CPS WHICH CAN REALISTICALLY BE MET BY THAT TIME: 3.01(A) LEGAL OPINION;
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(B) SIGNATURES OF BORROWERS REPRESENTATIVES; (D) PLANS,

SPECS, BID DOCUMENTS, COST ESTIMATES, ETC; (F) EVIDENCE OF SOURCE/AVAILABILITY OF BORROWERS \$330,000 CONTRIBUTION; (I) EVIDENCE OF "SERVICE DES MOUTES ET PONTS" CAPACITY TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE PROJECT, AND REVISE THE TDCP FOR REMAINING CPS TO NOVEMBER 1, 1975.

C) ISSUE NEW TDCP OF NOVEMBER 1, 1975 BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE OF REALISTIC MEETING OF ALL CPS REGARDLESS OF WHICH CPS MET AS OF MARCH 12.

4. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO EXTEND TDCP AND CONTINUE WITH SUBJECT PROJECT, THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD WILL BE DELAYED AND WILL RESULT IN THE NECESSITY OF EXTENDING THE TDD. OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION IN JULY 1978. CONSIDERING TIME TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, ONE YEAR WARRANTY/MAINTENANCE PERIOD, AND SIX MONTHS FOR SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING OF FINAL VOUCHERS BELIEVE REALISTIC TERMINAL DATE FOR THIS PROJECT IS FEBRUARY 28, 1980.

AD AID/W REVIEWS QUESTION OF TDCP EXTENSION, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT KEY ELEMENT DELAYING THE PROJECT OVERALL PROGRESS HAS BEEN THE DESIGN CONSULTANTS TARDINESS IN PROVIDING ALL PARTIES WITH FINAL DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR THE BRIDGE AND DAM CONSTRUCTION. BOTH PARTS WERE FORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR HAND DELIVERY BY SANDERS & THOMAS IN MAY 1974. PER REFTTEL, DAM DOCUMENTS NOT YET RECEIVED.

5. REQUEST NIAMEY AND COTONOU DIRECT COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO AID/W, INFO ABIDJAN.

6. IN VIEW OF RAPIDLY APPROACHING TDCP, ALL MUST MOVE QUICKLY ON MAKING A POLICY DECISION WITH REGARD TO HOW TO DEAL WITH CERTAIN FAILURE TO MEET MARCH 12 TDCP. REQUEST AID/W DECISION PRIOR TO FEB 18.

7. THIS CABLE IS THE PRODUCT OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT MADE FOR PHASE I OF THE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROJECT. IT CONSTITUTES A "RED FLAG" REPORT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MIS. THE ANALYSIS IS COMPLETELY BACKED UP BY NETWORKS FOR COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM DEVELOPED BY REDSO IN COOPERATION WITH THE CONTRACTOR, PCI, IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

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